

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

CEN52 — SHAKESPEARE

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL the questions.

1. What has Puck done to Bottom?
2. Why is Egeus angry with Hermia?
3. Why does King Lear banish Cordelia from his kingdom?
4. What was special about the magical flower or purple flower in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*?
5. Why does Shakespeare compare true love to a lighthouse in sonnet 116?
6. Why is King Lear angry at Goneril?
7. Who were the King and Queen of Fairies?
8. How does Shakespeare describe the lady he loves in Sonnet 130?

9. Why is Oberon angry with the Queen Titania?
10. How does Hazlitt differentiate Puck from Ariel in *The Tempest*?



SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL the questions.

11. (a) Sketch the character of Cordelia.

Or

- (b) Describe the role of fool and his prophecy in *King Lear*.

12. (a) What makes *A Midsummer Night's Dream* a comedy?

Or

- (b) Comment on the role of Puck in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

13. (a) How does Shakespeare glorify true love in sonnet 116?

Or

- (b) What are the main symbols used in Sonnet 130?

14. (a) Discuss the views of William Hazlitt about *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in his *Characters of Shakespeare plays*.

Or

- (b) Give a brief account of A.C. Bradely's Lecture VII.

15. (a) Discuss the transformation of Goneril and Regan.

Or

- (b) Comment on the character Kent in *King Lear*.

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Discuss *King Lear* as a tragic play.
17. Explain the significance of supernatural elements in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.
18. Explain the main theme of Sonnet 130.
19. Analyze A.C. Bradely's views on Shakespeare plays.
20. Discuss the views of William Hazlitt in his *Characters of Shakespeare plays*.